

Traveller camp row in court

A BID to evict a group of travellers from land at Hovefields Drive, Wickford, faces a long wait before the result is known.

After a day and a half of legal argument at London's High Court, Mr Justice Ouseley reserved judgment in the case of five plots at Five Acres Farm, Hovefields. He will give his decision in writing at a date to be fixed.

The travellers, who live on a number of plots on the site, have asked the judge to outlaw the council's decision to evict them, enacted under the Town and Country Planning Act. They argued that the council's stance is "perverse", and a disproportionate and unjustified breach of their human rights.

A further judicial review of planned evictions on other plots on Hovefields Drive and the traveller encampment at Crays Hill will follow shortly.